Provider Worksite Types

Public, Private, Nonprofit

Occupational Sectors

Arts and recreation

Community Service

Educational services

Financial Services

Health care/medical

Hospitality/Tourism

Information technology

Manufacturing

Marketing/public Relations

Media/Entertainment

Real Estate/Property

Retail

Interested in being a

summer youth provider

worksite?

For more information about becoming a SYEP provider worksite, contact

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Erie County
Summer Youth
Employment
Program

Provide a youth with a

meaningful work experience

for the summer.



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What is the Erie County Summer Youth Employment Program?

The Summer Youth
Employment Program (SYEP)
is an important platform to
introduce youth into the
workforce, helping them
acquire skills that can be used
to improve school performance
and become responsible adults.

In addition to the income it produces, experience in the work place and interaction with working adults can help youth recognize the importance of educational achievement, and help expand their education and career goals.

SYEP is an eight week program operating July 10 through September 1 serving youth between the ages of 14-20.

Erie County offers SYEP services through a partnership with Buffalo Urban League and Catholic Charites, to connect youth with a provider worksite.

What is required from worksites?

Employers interested in providing opportunities for youth placements through the SYEP must complete a Worksite Application form. If approved, worksites will complete and sign a program agreement setting out expectations for the program, the youth, and the worksite. Finally, worksite representatives will be encouraged to participate in a SYEP job fair in Mid June.

Worksite personnel will participate in an orientation before youth begin being placed for work. The worksite must maintain a minimum ratio of 1 supervisor to 10 youth workers. Youth workers must not displace any current permanent employees.



Who pays the youth workers?



Youth participants accepted into the program work 20 hours per week and wages are paid directly to them by SYEP Buffalo Urban League. Youth participants are covered under the Buffalo Urban League and Catholic Charites liability insurance policy and Workers Compensation.

What type of preparation are youth given before beginning work?

All youth participants in the SYEP receive a pre-employment orientation prior to worksite placement. This orientation provides clear expectations and key information to the youth regarding participation in the program.

Program participants are made aware during the orientation of the rules and regulations of the program.

What happens during worksite orientation?

The worksite representative will receive the contact information for the Buffalo Urban League and Catholic Charites, a worksite handbook, and other important program forms.

SYEP strives to ensure the lines of communication are open to assist worksite representatives throughout the program.

